

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**SPECIAL SESSION
March 13, 2008**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona, convened in Special Session at 10:00 a.m., March 13, 2008, at the West Valley Animal Care Center, 2500 S. 27th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Andrew Kunasek, Chairman, District 3; Don Stapley, District 2 and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Absent: Fulton Brock, District 1 and Max W. Wilson, District 4. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; David Smith, County Manager and Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR NEW WEST VALLEY ANIMAL CARE CENTER

The Board of Supervisors participated in the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of the West Valley Animal Care Center located at 2500 South 27th Avenue in Phoenix. Chairman Andrew Kunasek welcomed all to the impressive new facility that was paid for from donations and a portion of the service fees collected over many years. Dr. Silva, Director of Animal Care and Control, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Wilcox commented that when former AC&C Director Ed Boks left the County a long search was conducted to find the right person to spearhead this long-awaited accomplishment and she complimented Dr. Silva for his successes since he came to the County. She also recognized Sheriff Joe Arpaio for his alliance in addressing the many problem areas connected with pets and animals in such a large County.

Dr. Silva said, "We are the Maricopa County Animal Care Center and this is a great government organization." He cited the caring and compassion shown by the Board of Supervisors and County Manager David Smith in many ways, saying that he came to Phoenix during the opening of the Homeless Campus and cited it as a mark of the County's concern, consideration and service to others. He stated that this new animal facility continues the expression of service that has been shown in the past. Dr. Silva reminded all of the goal to euthanize no healthy, adoptable animal. This continues to be the standard for all employees and volunteers at the Center.

Supervisor Stapley lauded all who had a part in bringing the dream of a first class animal care center for the County to reality. He said it is an important part of the over-all effort of many people and animal organizations in Maricopa County who show their love of animals and concern for the future welfare of the community by tireless work and near-endless volunteering in many different service areas.

Sheriff Arpaio spoke of the separate animal care provided by inmates who help to service and care for animals in their adjoining center. He believes it helps prisoners learn to love and care for others as they learn to love and care for animals. He said his policy is to arrest anyone who abuses animals, not just give them a ticket.

Those taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony included Dr. Silva, Supervisors Kunasek, Wilcox and Stapley, Sheriff Arpaio and David Smith. (ADM2300)

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Andrew Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board